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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Executive Director-Comptroller
Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Plans
Deputy Director for Support
Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: Intelligence Planning Guidance for the 1970s

The annexed draft Planning Guidance has been prepared with the thought that it would ultimately be presented to USIB in Executive Session as a proposed paper for issuance by the DCI. It occurred to me that those attending the conference [redacted] this weekend ought to be aware of the existence of this paper. It may be that some of the material in Part Three on page 22, which deals with the "management" of intelligence resources, would be helpful as background to any discussion of community activities which develops during the course of the conference.

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/s/ John A. Bross

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I've given your new draft of the Planning Guidelines a long, careful look. It is very good and I hope our industry's managers take the next logical steps of setting priorities and organizing and projecting programs which are required. Paragraph 21. is very important and well presented and I hope that it is read carefully.

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There are two portions of the paper which should be very significant to planners, but which might be overlooked since they are somewhat buried in long paragraphs. One portion is the last two sentences of paragraph 22. Perhaps you could combine these sentences with paragraph 26. and create a new paragraph under the General Section of Part II. The other portion is the last three sentences of paragraph 30. I would break these out as a separate paragraph to facilitate identification and emphasis.

It is possible that the paper gives too little emphasis on economics. It seems likely that the ability of the U.S. to cope with its internal problems and its foreign affairs will depend upon maintaining a healthy growing economy. Foreign investment, trade and markets will probably grow in importance at the same time that the U.S. will be faced with stiffer competition from other major industrial countries and increasing nationalism in the lesser developed countries. I can't help but think that we will see even more emphasis in this area in our foreign policies and objectives over the next few years and therefore we should see an increasing role for intelligence collection and analysis. U.S. national security interests could become more closely identified with international economic factors than we have experienced in the past.



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